

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. No.: 5324-02  
Bill No.: HB 1397  
Subject: Fees; Sewers and Sewer Districts  
Type: Original  
Date: March 27, 2012

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Bill Summary: This proposal prohibits increases in premiums or fees charged for sewage or wastewater treatment in St. Charles County without a vote of the people.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses.  
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

☐ Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).

☐ Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>	<b>\$0 to (Unknown)</b>

## FISCAL ANALYSIS

### ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State** and **Department of Natural Resources** each assume the current proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **County of St Charles** did not respond to Oversight's request for fiscal impact.

**Oversight** assumes this proposal limits the premiums or fees charged in the County of St Charles for sewage or wastewater treatment from being increase without voter approval. Oversight also assumes that this proposal could have a negative impact to political subdivisions within St Charles County if the fees charged by another entity increase, but the voters do not approve the increase. If the fees charged by another entity do not increase, or even decrease, it would not have a fiscal impact to the County of St. Charles.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>	<u><b>\$0</b></u>

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
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### **LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

<u>Loss</u> - Potential loss of wastewater fees.	<u><b>\$0 to</b></u> (Unknown)	<u><b>\$0 to</b></u> (Unknown)	<u><b>\$0 to</b></u> (Unknown)
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<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT TO THE LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS</b>	<u><b>\$0 to</b></u> (Unknown)	<u><b>\$0 to</b></u> (Unknown)	<u><b>\$0 to</b></u> (Unknown)
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FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

This bill prohibits any city, town, village, sewer district, or water supply district in St. Charles County that does not actually process or treat sewage or wastewater but pays a premium or fee to another entity for the service from increasing its premium or fee to customers without a majority vote of the qualified voters of the entity.

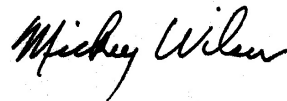
This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of the Secretary of State  
Department of Natural Resources

NOT RESPONDING

**County of St Charles**



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